

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to include indium as an additive element. Support for this amendment can be found in the present specification at pages 8-11, including Example 1. Claims 2-4 have been amended to place the claims in better condition for examination. New claim 7 has been added. Support for new claim 7 can be found in the present specification at Examples 1-4 (pages 8-16). No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Durrwachter et al. (USP 3,785,810). Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims render this rejection moot. Present claim 1 now requires a silver alloy *consisting of* silver, and indium and tin as additive elements. Durrwachter does not teach or suggest the use of indium in the disclosed silver alloys, and hence Durrwachter does not teach each and every element of the present claims. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Durrwachter et al. (USP 3,785,810) in view of Takashi et al. (JP 2002-015464). Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims render this rejection moot. As argued above, claim 1 now requires a silver alloy *consisting of* silver, with indium and tin as additive elements. Durrwachter does not teach or suggest the use of indium in the disclosed silver alloys. While Takashi teaches a silver-tin alloy film formed

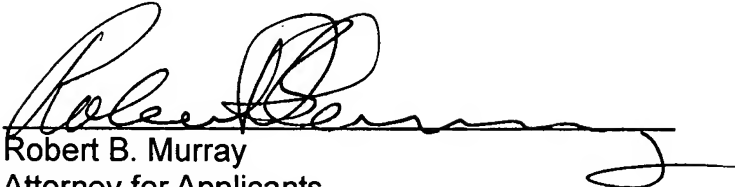
from a sputtering target, Takashi does not teach or suggest the use of indium in the silver-tin alloys. Hence, the disclosure of Takashi does not cure the deficiency of Durrwachter. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 1 stands provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/534,288. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection for the following reason. On July 23, 2007, Applicant filed an amendment in copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/534,288 which limited the scope of claim 1 and cancelled claim 2. Present claim 1 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/534,288 now recites: "A silver alloy for use in a reflection film consisting of silver and gallium as a first additive element and at least either dysprosium or thulium as a second additive element." Applicants submit that the amendment to claim 1 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/534,288 no longer overlaps in scope with present claim 1 of the instant application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action rejections. The present claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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